



Whitestown Parks and Recreation November Update

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1. Successful 2014 5K Walk/Run—82 registrations, new course signage, sponsor attendance and overall awards for first, second, and third place given to male/female runners and walkers.
2. Neighbor Woods tree planting event 10.25.14—Walker Park, 4 large trees planted at the park with the help of volunteers (Cub Scout Pack 431, Whitestown Public Works/Utilities Department, and one citizen). Whitestown Parks Department was the recipient of free trees through ACTrees (Alliance for Community Trees) and the Indiana DNR Community and Urban Forestry program.
3. Developed preliminary strategic direction for Parks and Recreation Department, as well as 2015 SMART Goals.
4. Continued working on 2015 Sponsorship packet and contacted potential Departmental and single/multiple special event sponsors.
5. Currently working cooperatively with Worth Township Trustees office to secure purchase of 2 ADA accessible picnic tables for Walker/Panther Parks.
6. Participated in mower training and safety with Public Works staff.
7. Continued research on grant opportunities for Department development, including investigating LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund), TAP (Transportation Alternatives program) and other organizational grant possibilities (Health by Design League of American Bicyclists, Alliance for Biking and Walking, etc.).
8. Secured and recorded Deed for final land acquisition for Farm Heritage Trail (Vermillion Properties).